

SUFFOLK-NANSEMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The Suffolk-Nansemond Historical Society will meet on Sunday, March 23, at 3:00 p.m. at Riddick's Folly on North Main Street. The speaker for this meeting will be W. E. A. Moore who operates Hamblin Studio. Mr. Moore will show many of Mr. Hamblin's photographs of Suffolk people and Suffolk places. Members who have photographs taken by Mr. Hamblin are invited to bring them for display. Mr. Hamblin's work is a visual record of Suffolk in the early 20th century.

At our January business meeting, Mrs. P. M. Burton gave a report of groundwork that has been laid by her committee, who have been asked to study the possibility of our awarding plaques for historic preservation in Suffolk and old Nansemond County. Mrs. Burton and her group are interested in an idea for a design for these plaques. Any members with ideas for designs may submit these to Mrs. Burton at or prior to the March meeting.

Treasurer Harriett Naismith reported at the January business meeting that we closed 1979 with the following balances:

General fund	\$1163.38
Publications fund	\$ 156.69
Savings Account	\$3814.67

We took in \$944.00 on the 1979 tour and presented Riddick's Folly, Incorporated with a check for \$1000.00 at the January meeting.

The attendance for our January meeting was very good. We certainly appreciate the improvement and hope it will continue. As we mentioned in our last letter, it is most embarrassing for us to invite guests when we have only a handful of members present.

We would like to extend our thanks to Mrs. J. R. Neal, a long time member, and Mrs. R. E. Johnson, Jr. a relatively new member, for preparing refreshments for our January awards meeting.

DAY TRIPS FOR SPRING

Historic Murfreesboro, North Carolina, will celebrate Heritage weekend April 25, 26, and 27. Seven old homes, four private residences, and a garden will be open to visitors from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. There will be an antique show and sale, a doll house display, bank concerts, bake sales, and many more activities. For more information call or write Mrs. Susan Marks at the Chamber of Commerce (919-398-4886) P. O. Box 3, Murfreesboro, N. C. 27855. (It is approximately an hour's drive from Suffolk.)

Historic Hope Plantation in Windsor, North Carolina, was built about 1800 by David Stone who was both a Representative and a Senator in the United States Congress and Governor of North Carolina (1808-1810). The mansion is now owned by Historic Hope Foundation, Inc., and is opened to the public as a house museum. The period furnishings are based on Stone's estate inventory. Open Tuesdays-Saturdays 10:00-4:00 and Sundays 2:00 to 5:00. Admission is \$1.50 for adults and .75 for children. Windsor is at the junction of US 13 and US 17. From there take US 13 By Pass to junction with NC 308 and turn west.